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Let your light shine
before others so they
may see your good
works and give glory
to your Father in
heaven.
Matt 5:16 NRSV

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**Deadline for the Summer 2019
BeTheLight is June 17th**

The purpose of *BeTheLight* is to inform our members, friends and visitors of worship services and to encourage spiritual growth, Christian Education opportunities, missions and outreach, activities, fellowship events and volunteer opportunities. This newsletter is meant to be an information tool of Bethel Lutheran Church where we serve together as a family in Christ.

The *BeTheLight* welcomes contributions and letters. Copyrighted material (including prayers and inspirational verses) cannot be published without written permission from the author.

MISSION STATEMENT

*The people of
Bethel Lutheran Church
are called by God to be
faithful to the word of God
and proclaim it to all people.*

*We share Christ's love
and forgiveness
by being Christ's hands,
feet, arms and voice
as we gather and
as we scatter.*



ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

PERSONS IN NEED OF HEALING

Marshall Camp, Eric Nemerovsky,
Kirk Nemerovsky, Eric Whitsel,
Maureen Zelina

PERSONS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND

Bob Breska~Viola Dase~Jan Harmon~Esther Johns~Jean Kellmer
Phil Long~Richard Larson~Joyce Larson~Helmut Link~Betty Powers

*Please keep these friends in your thoughts
and prayers.*

LENT CONTINUES IN APRIL

Mondays

April 1 and 8

7:00 PM - Adult Bible study in the Gathering Place with the theme: Daily Discipleship:
On the Road to the Cross with Jesus

Sundays

April 7 and 14

9:45 AM - Sermon series continues, using the Lord's Prayer as the theme

April 7 - Save us from the time of trial

April 14 - Deliver us from evil

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION – April 14

Worship at 9:45 AM

Worship begins in the Gathering Place with the

Procession with Palms and

Continuation of Lord's Prayer theme: Deliver us from evil.

With special participation by the high school youth



MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 18

Worship at 1 PM and 7 PM

Remembering our Lord's command to love one another

Celebration of Holy Communion



GOOD FRIDAY – April 19

1 and 7 PM – Good Friday worship - Adoration of the cross,
and reading of the Passion according to St. John.



HOLY SATURDAY – April 20

Easter Vigil worship begins at **6 PM**

This most ancient of liturgies celebrates our Passover with Jesus from darkness to light, from death to life. It includes candle lighting, Bible stories from the Old Testament, Affirmation of Baptism and Holy Communion, and as a highlight involves the children decorating the sanctuary with Easter flowers as we make the symbolic move from Lent to Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21

Continental Easter Breakfast served in the Gathering Place

From 8:30 - 9:15 AM

Festival Worship Service at 9:45 AM



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 22.

I AM MY CHURCH

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am.

Its pews will be filled if I take my place in one of them on Sunday.

It will do great work if I do great work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into the worship and fellowship if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,
and a church with a noble spirit if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these traits.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all
the things I want my church to be.



Middleburg Heights Food Pantry



The following items are needed now and year round: **soup, coffee, tea, hot cocoa, ramen noodles, skillet dinners and tuna.** Items to warm the heart and soul during the colder months are appreciated. Your donations of other nonperishable foods are also welcomed.

Redeemer Crisis Center

If you have decided to clean out your closets, please remember the Redeemer Crisis Center could use donations of clothing and shoes. There is a box located in the Gathering Place coat closet. Remember to bring the items in a box or bag. The need is always there and always appreciated!! Thank you for helping this ministry!!





"I GO TO SING"

by Lindy Thompson

I might be exhausted and the children might
be cranky,
but I will be going to church on Sunday.
Don't know who is preaching, doesn't
matter –
the sermon may be helpful or not, holds my
attention or doesn't –
it's the singing.
I go to sing.
I get up,
get clean,
get dressed,
possibly get mad (at not-ready kids, at
empty coffee pot, at traffic)
get going,
get there,
get seated,
get comfortable,
get focused
and when the music starts,
get saved.
It's the singing.
I go to sing.

It's the willingness to *stand if you are able*,
the common agreement on page number,
the voluntary sharing of songbooks with
people on your row,
even ones you rode there with –
but most of all,
it's the collective in-breath before the first
sound is made,
the collective drawing upon the grace of
God,
the collective, if inadvertent, admission
that we are all human,

all fragile,
all in need of the sustaining air, freely
dispensed,
all in need of each other to get the key right
and not sound discordant –
it's the hidden life-celebration
in the act of making a joyful noise,
all together.

We don't even have to sound that good.
Singing together still brings home
the *we*-ness of worship,
the *not-alone*-ness of life in God,
the best of all we have to offer each other.
When we are singing, I think that I might
actually be able to forgive you
for being so terribly human,
and you might be able to forgive me
for being so terribly not there yet,
and we might be able to find peace *now*,
not postpone it for some heavenly
hereafter
but live and breathe it today,
drawing in the grace of God,
voicing out our need and hope and
gratitude and longing.
When we are singing, I can feel the better
world coming,
and if I get to be a part of it, you do too . . .

so sing with me,
and we'll make our way down that blessed
road together,
collectively better
than we ever thought
possible.

Lindy Thompson is a poet and lyricist from
Franklin, TN and is a member of Christ
UMC. Her poetry has been published in
many places over the last few years and she
has collaborated with Mark A. Miller on
anthems and hymns for choral and
congregational use.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Russ Bailey
- 3 Gail Brophy
- 4 Jackie Kottke Bondor
- 5 Elsie Petrov
- 5 Adelaide Rescola
- 5 George & Elfi Schuster
- 8 Giesela Stiene
- 9 George Schuster
- 10 Jennifer Stiene
- 10 Eliza Karp
- 13 Mitch Harshman
- 14 Nik Schuster
- 14 Fred & Sandy Sauvey
- 15 Esther Johns
- 15 Nick LoPiccolo
- 16 Marie Link
- 18 Isabel Haskell
- 25 Alex Salem
- 25 Sam Haskell
- 26 Robert F. Breska
- 28 Nancy Kilkenny
- 29 Victoria Bobey



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 James Sandine
- 2 Darlynn Eberhart
- 3 Emma Reardon
- 4 Sophia Schobel
- 4 Barbara Steffen
- 6 Wayne Derschau
- 6 Olivia Karp
- 7 Lori Sandine
- 8 Lynn Foster
- 8 Betty Powers
- 8 Melissa Gold
- 9 Chase Leidy
- 9 Debbie Breska
- 10 Jessica Stiene
- 11 Mary-Ellen Leidy
- 11 Carol Pickens
- 12 Bob & Lois Minut
- 13 Sue Van Straaten
- 14 Ruth Sindelar
- 15 Diane Hail
- 16 Brittany Kvasager
- 22 Cliff & Carolyn Riedel
- 23 Ed Costa
- 26 Alina Bondor
- 27 Joyce Larson
- 28 Susan Mohnickey
- 30 Craig Campfield

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Spring Break</i> Ends – MEEC Classes Resume Lent Bible Study – “Daily Discipleship” 7:00 PM	2 Lectionary Bible study 10am	3 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	4 Al-Anon 10am Bible Class 11 am – Letter to Hebrew GFF 7pm	5 AA 8:00pm	6 Men’s Bible study 8am FH in Use 9AM - 4PM
7 Adult Bible Class 8:30 & 11:30 am LIFE Together 9:00 AM Worship 9:45am Faith Explorers Final Review & Party 6:00 PM	8 Lent Bible Study – “Daily Discipleship” 7:00 PM Last Class	9 Lectionary Bible Study 10am Men’s Lunch 11:30 am MEEC Board of Trustee’s Mtg 6:30PM in FH Council Meeting 7 pm	10 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	11 Al-Anon 10am Bible Class 11 am – Letter to Hebrew GFF 7pm	12 AA 8:00pm	13 Men’s Bible study 8am
14 Adult Bible Class 8:30 & 11:30 am LIFE Together 9:00 AM Worship 9:45am 	15 	16 No Lectionary Bible study Ladies Lunch 11:30 am	17 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	18 Al-Anon 10am Bible Class 11 am – Letter to Hebrew Maundy Thurs Servives 1PM & 7PM	19 NO MEEC CLASSES Good Friday Servives 1PM & 7PM AA 8:00pm	20 Men’s Bible study 8am Easter Vigil 6:00 PM
21 EASTER SUNDAY Breakfast 8:30-9:15AM Worship 9:45am 	22 OFFICE CLOSED 	23 No Lectionary Bible study	24 No Choir Rehearsal	25 Al-Anon 10am Bible Class 11 am GFF 7pm Easter Celebration	26 AA 8:00pm	27 Men’s Bible study 8am
28 Adult Bible Class 8:30 & 11:30 am LIFE Together 9:00 AM Worship 9:45am	29 MEMORIAL DAY Office And MEEC Closed 	30 No MEEC Classes Parent/Teacher Conf. Lectionary Bible study 10am				

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 No MEEC Classes Parent/Teacher Conference AA 8:00pm	4 Men's Bible study 8am
5 Adult Bible Class 8:30 & 11:30 am LIFE Together 9:00 AM Worship 9:45am	6	7 Lectionary Bible Study 10am	8	9 Al-Anon 10am Bible Class 11 am GFF 7pm	10 AA 8:00pm	11 Men's Bible study 8am
12 Adult Bible Class 8:30 & 11:30 am LIFE Together 9:00 AM Worship 9:45am 	13	14 Lectionary Bible Study 10am Men's Lunch 11:30 am Council Meeting 7 pm	15 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	16 Al-Anon 10am Bible Class 11 am GFF 7pm	17 AA 8:00pm	18 Men's Bible Study 8am GP in Use 11am – 5pm
19 Adult Bible Class 8:30 & 11:30 am LIFE Together 9:00 AM Worship 9:45am	20	21 Lectionary Bible Study 10am Ladies Lunch 11:30 am	22 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	23 Al-Anon 10am Bible Class 11 am GFF 7 PM Fiddler Jim	24 AA 8:00pm Last Day of School for MEEC	25 Men's Bible Study 8am GP in Use Noon – 4pm
26 Adult Bible Class 8:30 & 11:30 am LIFE Together 9:00 AM Worship 9:45am	27	28 Lectionary Bible Study 10am	29 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	30 Al-Anon 10am Bible Class 11 am GFF 7pm Birthday Dinner	31 AA 8:00pm	